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JESUS IS
THE JOY OF
CHRISTMAS

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*Weary world
rejoices.....*

WEARY WORLD REJOICES

Elizabeth Reynolds

*The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in Thee tonight...*

I don't think we'd get many people arguing when we say Christmas is about love. Perhaps not *too* many arguments if we say 'God's love'. But I think the complaints start coming when we say Christmas is about a Man. A Man who came to demonstrate God's love in a completely real, tangible, relatable way. A Man not of this world, and so very special. So special in fact, that creation did some very peculiar things when He was born. So special that wind and waves obey Him, as well as the suns and planets of the universe. In fact, He spoke them into being in the first place.

He existed before He was born and lived after He died. The timelines of Earth point to Him. More than 300 ancient prophecies point to Him. Even other world religions point to Him. He is the most famous Man in history. No other man (or woman) even comes close. He, of course, is Jesus.

He caused such a stir upon Earth, right from the moment He was

born. Countless people have suffered because of Him, beginning with several baby boys in Bethlehem.

When He came, He was not a Man, He was a Baby. And this confused many people, (still confuses people today). I wonder about the conversations among the Jewish people at the time.

'But how is a baby going to deliver us from the Romans?' says one.

'I thought that perhaps some of the prophecies about a baby were a metaphor,' says another.

'Babies grow up.'

'Yes, but... this is not what I was expecting. Are we to wait another thirty-odd years?'

'We have waited thousands of generations. What is thirty more years?'

'But this can't be the Promised One. How will he have any influence when he's from such a lowly family? So confined by the same Roman prison we are all in?'

But there were some who understood. Simeon, for example, eagerly waiting for the Messiah. When Jesus was brought to the Temple, Simeon was there, took the Baby in his arms and said,

"Sovereign Lord, now let Your servant die in peace, as You have promised. I have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and He is the glory of Your people Israel!"

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight...



Israel had been promised a Redeemer. A King with a Kingdom that would last forever (2 Sam 7:13 / Dan 7:14). A ruler Whose origins are from old (Mic 5:2). Someone to crush the enemy's head (Gen 3:15). Someone to perform miraculous wonders (Is 35:5-6). A bringer of justice (Is 42:1-4). Someone who will set captives free (Is 61:1). *And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.* (Is 9:6-7)

God filled the spirits of these prophets with knowledge and praise for Him. God filled the hearts of those who would read

those prophecies with hope. God filled the sky with blinding light and angel song on the night He was born. God filled Mary's heart with burning joy as she cradled Him. God filled His followers with the Holy Spirit. He fills our lives with hope, peace, and joy everyday when we open up our hearts to Him.

For generations, the world waited in anticipation. Waited in hope... eager, yearning, longing, aching. And then... one night... He arrived. Most of the world didn't quite understand it yet. But the angels knew, the stars knew, the shepherds, the wisemen, perhaps even the animals in that place knew. Mary, Joseph, and Simeon knew. And how much more ought we to 'know', that Jesus is the hope of this world. Through God's Word, His big picture has been revealed to us - the whole plan from start to finish!



The world was weary. The world is weary. We are all weary at times. But are you rejoicing?

Hope is here! Rejoice! And again I say, "Rejoice!"

BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

Happy Birthday

12 - Zach | 16 - Trevor | 26 - Margaret

This is the day that the Lord has made! Ps 118:24

Celebrating birthdays is one way we can honour the gift of life God has given each of us. Happy Birthday from us!

Your birthday not showing up? Tell us when your birthday is so we can celebrate with you.

DECEMBER DIARY DATE REMINDERS

30TH NOV	AMOS Christmas Banquet @ Charlie's Diner Music Practice (7.30-9pm)
1ST DEC	Annual General Meeting – after the service
6TH DEC	Final Kid's Club and BF Youth – Christmas Break-ups
7TH DEC	BICC Prayer Breakfast (@ BFC)
8TH DEC	Music Practice (12-2pm) Tamil Gospel Fellowship – 6.30pm
15TH DEC	BFKids Christmas Break-Up Music Practice (12-2pm)
21ST DEC	Music Practice (7.30-9pm)
22ND DEC	No Morning Service Music Practice (3-5.30pm) "A Thrill of Hope" – Celebrate Christmas Evening 6-8pm
25TH DEC	Christmas Day Service 9:30-10:30am
31ST DEC	New Year's Eve

A
THRILL
OF HOPE

December Teaching Series



- 1 Dec Family Service
- 8 Dec Tony Alkmim
- 15 Dec Alf Chehade
- 22 Dec 'A Thrill of Hope'
Christmas Carols - 6pm
- 25 Dec Christmas Day Service
Jim Derrington
- 29 Dec Brian Raynor

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

READ & MEDITATE
on The Word

1 SCRIPTURE
PER WEEK



Read & Reflect...

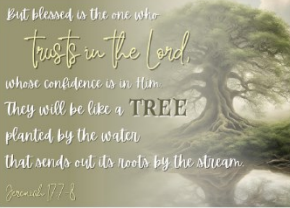


Meditate & Pray...



Apply & Live Out...

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Week Forty-Nine

1st December - 7th December

JEREMIAH 17:7-8



Week Fifty

8th December - 14th December

MATTHEW 13:45-46



Week Fifty-One

15th December - 21st December

LUKE 2:19



Week Fifty-Two

22nd Dec - 28th December

LUKE 2:7



Week Fifty-Three

29th Dec - 31st December

ROMANS 15:12-13

For the full reading plan: burnsidefamilychurch.com/2024reading

NORWOOD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Thank you to everybody who supported in the Norwood Christmas Pageant on Saturday 23rd November! It blessed the hearts of so many present to see a strong Christian message at the front of the procession. Keep praying for those who received a bubble dispenser with the flag attached that communicated the gospel message.



December 2024

November '24

January '25

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9.20a Prayer 10a Family Service	2 W7	3 9.00a Prayer 7.30p Encourage Connect	4 10.30a Magill Estate 6.30p Flourish Dinner	5	6 5.15p Kids Club Christmas Celebration	7 7.30p BICC Prayer
8 9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids & 10:40 Group 6.30p Tamil Gospel Fellowship	9 W8 7.00p Elders	10 9.00a Prayer	11	12	13	14 6.30p Intercess. Prayer
15 9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids (Break-Up) 12p Music Practice	16 W9	17 9.00a Prayer 7.30p Encourage Connect	18	19	20	21
22 No Morning Worship Gathering 3p Music Practice 6p 'A Thrill of Hope' Celebrate Christmas Event	23 School Holidays	24	25 9.30a Christmas Day Service	26	27	28
29 9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering	30 School Holidays	31 Christmas Eve	1 Christmas Day New Year's Day	2 Boxing Day	3	4
5 9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering	6 School Holidays	Notes				

DECEMBER SUNDAY TEAM

Date	Teaching Team		Kids Ministry		Music Team (see elvanto for musicians)		Service Team					Hospitality Team		
	Sermon	Chair/ Notices	Kid's Church	Helper / Creche	10:40 Group	Sound Desk	Media Desk	Comm.Serving	Welcome	Collection	Count	Lock Up	Kitchen	Comm Prep
1/12	Family Service	Devinder Raju	-	Jim James	-	Brian	Sheila	Ally C Carol Neville Michelle	Nick Ally C	Monica Ally T	Aaron Keming	Jim	Alice Ally C	Alice
8/12	Tony Alkmitm	Steve Chapman	Laura	Sharon Elizabeth	-	Joshua	Andrew	Jeff Leonie Jenny S Renee	Sharon Renee	Aisha Mark	Jeff Jenny S	Nick	Carol Leonie	Sharon
15/12	Alf Chehade	Jeff Elizabeth Byerley	(Break-Up)	Bronnie Joshua	-	James	Annabelle	Zach Oliver Smita Sarah	Tony Vicki	Zach Elsa	Andrew Devinder	Mark	Mallika Oliver	Helene
22/12	Evening "Celebrate Christmas" Event - No Morning Service	-	-	-	-	Music Team TBA	-	- - - -	Sharon, Andrew and Jim	- -	- -	Music Team	Carol Khai Heather	- -
25/12	Jim Derrington	Elizabeth	-	-	-	Joshua	Elizabeth	- -	Lisa Michelle	- -	- -	Nev	- -	- -
29/12	Brian Reynor	Alf Chehade	-	Sheila Mel	-	Nev	Grace	Cheng Yi Lester Sharon Andrew	Ally Lisa	Elizabeth Beth	James Leonie	Jim	Michelle Ally	Michelle

Thank you for serving the Lord, and blessing our Church family. If you need to swap with someone, please contact another person directly. A copy of the roster is up on the vestry wall.
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BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Happy Birthday

*The Lord bless you and keep you!
Numbers 6:24*

2 - Aisha

2 - Karina

15 - Brandon

19 - Lisa

26 - Heather

29 - Leonie

31 - Elsa

JANUARY DIARY DATE REMINDERS

1ST JAN	New Year's Day
12TH–18TH JAN	Mannum Family Mission
14TH JAN	Tuesday Morning Prayer returns
26TH JAN	BFKids and 10:40 Group returns
27TH JAN	Term 1 Commences

Mannum Family Mission

12-18 JANUARY 2025 | BURNSIDEFAMILYCHURCH.COM/MANNUM

January 2025

bfc.elvanto.com.au/calendar

December '24

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February '25

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5 9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering	6 School Holidays	7 New Years Eve	8 New Years Day	9	10	11 6.30p Tamil Bible Study
12 9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering	13 School Holidays	14 9.00a Prayer	15	16	17	18
19 9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering	20 School Holidays	21 9.00a Prayer	22	23	24	25
26 9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering BFKids & 10:40 Group	27 W1	28 9.00a Prayer	29	30	31	1 7.30a BICC Prayer
2 9.20a Prayer 10a Family Service	3 First Day of Term 1 7.00p Elders Meeting	Notes		6:30p Intercessory Prayer		

BIBLE COLLEGE - BURNSIDE CONNECTION – 1924 TO 2024

This year 2024, is the Centenary of the Bible College of South Australia, which was closely connected to the former Burnside Christian Church.

The first 2 missionaries sent out from this Church in 1911, were Reg and Hettie Burrow, who studied at separate early residential Missionary Training Colleges in Adelaide. They both graduated in 1909 and served in Bolivia until 1927.

Little did they know of their future connection with the beginnings of what is now Bible College of SA.



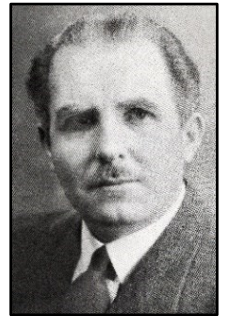
Burrow family: Vic, Hettie with baby John, Rockie, Reg and Allan

Those early residential Bible Colleges closed when WW1 commenced, but in 1924 two businessmen, (one of whom was a graduate of the same College as Reg), started a weekly Evening Bible School, soon named Adelaide Bible Institute, with subjects spread over a 3 year Certificate course to specifically train young adults interested in Missionary service and Pastoral ministry. Lectures covered Biblical doctrines, Historical facts of Scripture and study of Old and New Testament books. Often up to 100 attended with Home Work and exams included.

When Reg Burrow returned from Bolivia in 1927 and became Pastor at Burnside in 1929, he was involved in writing some of the subjects for these Evening courses, as well as lecturing.

In the 1930s Reg's son Rockie and his future wife Irene, plus Reg's nephew Lincoln Burrow attended the Evening lectures, then trained at Sydney Missionary and Bible College, before years of missionary service in Bolivia.

There was an obvious need for a residential Bible College here in Adelaide and it started in the home of Reg and Hettie's eldest son Allan, who had trained first as a teacher, then later became a Baptist Pastor after studying at NSW Baptist Theological College.



He was in his mid-30s when he became the first principal of the residential College in 1949, with 5 students living in their home. Four women were in the dining room and a male student had a tent in the garden.

A year later a very large 2 storey house in spacious grounds was bought at Payneham for the growing residential Adelaide Bible Institute, with numbers increasing to 12 in 1950 and 30 in 1951. Their courses were Bible based and Missions oriented.

Allan Burrow also became pastor at Burnside in 1949, when his father Pastor Reg retired due to ill health.

By the early 1950s Allan was assisted here at Burnside by Royce Luck, one of the young ABI students, who then became pastor at Burnside from 1954 to 1960, freeing Allan to concentrate on developing the residential College.

Then in 1961, Allan Burrow moved on to become Principal of the NZ Bible Institute until 1966.

By 1962 the College at Payneham needed extension, but instead after much prayer it was miraculously possible to buy the very large property of Mt Breckan at Victor Harbor.



Mt Breckan 1962 to 1979

Numbers grew during the 1960s to accommodate both single and married residential students, as well as young families in rental homes in the town of Victor Harbor. By the early 1970s there were about 120 local, interstate and overseas students studying from 1 to 3 years for a Certificate, Dip. R.Ed, or B.Th. Then in 1973 the Adelaide Bible Institute was renamed Bible College of SA.

Some of our church members were on the ABI / BCSA Board for many years and for decades the Burnside church supported the College financially. Bible College Principals and lecturers often came to Burnside to preach, including Geoff Bingham, Steve Raison and more recently Tim Patrick.

The Bible College relocated to Wattle St, Malvern in 1980.



Wattle St Malvern from 1980

BCSA offers a very high standard of tertiary study in many Theological subjects, as well as Doctorates, Masters and PhD. Many students now come to study to be better prepared for local church involvement and ministry and go away enriched by the time of concentrated study and practical experience.

To celebrate the Centenary there were special events during 2024, including visiting speakers, special lectures, a reunion dinner and publication of a Centenary book outlining the history, growth and plans for the future, which may include moving to new larger premises.

At least 15 Burnside young adults studied at ABI / BCSA, with 9 going to overseas mission service and others to pastoral work, or local ministry.

A vibrant poster for a summer teaching series. The background is a collage of fresh fruits including watermelon slices, grapefruit segments, lemons, and blueberries. Several white paper fans are scattered throughout, some with faint pink and blue patterns. The text is overlaid on this background.

SUMMER January Teaching Series

5 Jan ALF CHEHAHDE

12 Jan ANDREW JENKINS

19 Jan VICKY ALKMIM

26 Jan JIM DERRINGTON

*In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun... It rises at one end of the
heaven and makes its circuit to the other, nothing is deprived of its warmth.*

Ps 19:4-6

UPCOMING EVENTS / OPPORTUNITIES

2023-24 AGM AFTER THE SERVICE SUN 1 DEC 24

**SEEK HIS WILL IN ALL YOU DO, AND HE WILL SHOW
YOU WHICH PATH TO TAKE. PROVERBS 3:6**

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS “A THRILL OF HOPE” – LETTERBOX DROP

One way of promoting our upcoming *Celebrate Christmas* event is a letterbox drop to neighbours in your street and/or near the church. Please connect with Elizabeth if this is something you'd like to do. Also be sure to pass on some flyers to your family and friends! Let's make the most of this opportunity to invite the community to share in our celebration of Jesus in this season.

2025 BIBLE READING PLAN

This year we expand our reading boundaries to two passages per day, with a suggested prayer guide to accompany it. This has been created by a combination of a Bible Reading guide called “Navigators”, and a Prayer Time suggestion by Barry Chant in his book *“Praying in the Spirit”*. Here are January's passages to get us started. A full copy of the Bible Reading plan will be available on the notice table in 2025 and online at:

www.burnsidefamilychurch.com/2025reading

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ONGOING MAASAI FUNDRAISING



Looking for last minute Christmas cards or gift fillers? Don't forget to get some cards and bookmarks to support the fundraising efforts for Pastor Daniel's Pharmacy in Tanzania.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY ROSTERS

The **January Volunteer Ministry Roster** will be prepared and available soon! Volunteers check your emails and the church bulletin board for when you are rostered on.

If you want to serve in some way in the regular Sunday morning ministries, (or in any other way), please talk to Elizabeth Reynolds. You can be involved in:

- Music, Drama, other Creative Ministries
- Children's ministries and teaching
- Preparing and/or serving communion
- Collecting or counting the tithes and offerings
- Kitchen and hospitality
- Welcoming
- Facility maintenance

END OF 2024 – THANK YOU & MERRY CHRISTMAS!

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. (1 John 4:12) We love our church, and although no one has seen God, we see glimpses of Him and what He is like through the love and service of His people. The Body of Christ is a wonderful thing as each of us is assigned to our different roles. Our diversity placed together in a community makes for a beautiful picture, just as each individual pigment and brush stroke on a canvas makes up a masterpiece. Thanks to the Eldership, the volunteer teams and leaders of connect and prayer groups. Take a moment in the coming weeks to reflect on the grace and mercy of God at work in us and through us in 2024, and join in prayer for another flourishing, Kingdom-building year in 2025! May you have a happy, restful, blessed Christmas and New Year, where moment-by-moment we rest our hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.



**CONNECT
GROUPS**

various times and
locations



KID'S CLUB

primary-school age
activities - Friday night



10:40 GROUP

high-school age Bible focus
during Sunday service



**MUSIC
SESSIONS**

monthly Sundays - all
musicians welcome



'AMOS'

over 60s fellowship & activities
- monthly Saturdays



**PRAISE & WORSHIP
SESSIONS**

selected evenings
throughout the year



**DINNERS
FOR 8**

details: TBA



**...AND SO
MUCH MORE!**



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WE'RE HIS CHURCH

...a house of prayer for all nations
accomplishing more than we
could dream for the
brokenhearted to call on the
name of Jesus [as vision]

...sent to make a difference every
day in the name of Jesus to all
generations [as mission]

10.00A SUNDAY

Starting at 10.00a, we usually finish by 11.30a. You will be greeted at the door and receive our newsletter and invited to take a seat of your choice. Our gathering begins with music with words shown on a media screen.

During the service, we share in communion which reminds us of the death and life of Christ we share. An encouraging message from the Bible follows and afterwards, everyone is invited to the Back Hall for tea and coffee.

We have a video stream into the rear Hall we call our Family Room and a recording of the service is posted online each week.

A THRILL OF HOPE

*Celebrate
Christmas with us*

Sunday 22 December
6:00-8:00pm



Celebrate Christmas 2024

**“The weary world rejoices
in the coming of a Saviour”**

Join us for a family-friendly evening of celebration, fellowship, food and singing!

free event

FINGER FOOD | ICE-CREAM | LIVE BAND | JUMPY CASTLE | BALLOONS & FACE PAINTING